

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-9, 12, 13, 15-20, 22 and 23 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 4, 6 and 8. Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 17, 18, and 19.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 8 and 19. Claims 1 and 16 have each been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 8 and 19 and the intervening claims respectively. Applicant submits that these amendments place claims 1 and 16 in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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